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~~AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111~~

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated 12 December 2001, Applicant responds as follows: Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 10, 26, 28, 30, 34, 43, 50, 62-64.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for selectively amplifying nucleic acid sequences comprising contacting multiple single stranded non-circular random oligonucleotide primers (P1), one or more amplification target circles (ATCs), a DNA polymerase and multiple deoxynucleoside triphosphates (dNTP), under conditions promoting said